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The EBCI Head Start Traditional Dancers were a big hit as they performed various traditional Cherokee dances, such as the Eagle Dance shown in the photo above, during the annual Festival of Native Peoples at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 17.

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Chief's Community Report

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The past two weeks have been very busy with meetings and events. I would like to take some time to tell you about some of the things I have been involved with over the past two weeks.

Monday, July 12th I met with Ms. Benita Tipton and Ms. Helga Fasciano with the Department of Public Instruction. I have been working with the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program, representatives from Robbinsville High School and Swain High School, Western Carolina University and other language preservation partners to get a Cherokee language class in Swain High School and to make the Cherokee language a valid 2nd language approved by the Department of Public Instruction. This meeting was the next step in the process to get the Cherokee language recognized and validated as a legitimate second language. This would allow Cherokee to serve as the language requirement for colleges and universities throughout the state. Western Carolina University already recognizes the Cherokee language for their second language requirement and I look forward to expanding this to all public institutions of higher learning. There is a lot of work to be done before this becomes a reality and I will keep enrolled members informed of our progress. I would like to thank all those involved for their dedication to preserving the Cherokee language and making the language accessible to a broader audience.

The Tribal Operations Program, the program that assists Tribal Council, recently held the Ribbon Cutting for their new office building. A while back the TOP office suffered severe damage due to a fire, and they have just moved in to their new facility. I invite everyone to visit the new TOP office and would like to congratulate this program on their new building.

Friday, July 16th Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, visited the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. During his visit I, along with Tribal Council and other tribal representatives, met with Director Jarvis to discuss several issues. We had a positive and productive discussion concerning an alternative access road to the Big Cove Community. As of right now there is one road into Big

Cove, which causes concern among community members as there may be security and safety issues if there is a natural disaster or other emergency. The safety of our tribal children and the Big Cove community is a serious concern of mine. I would like to thank Amanda Swimmer for her continued diligence in addressing this issue. Her leadership has driven this process and I will keep the community updated on our progress.

We also discussed the Tribe's right to harvest culinary, cultural and medicinal plants from National Park lands. Several enrolled members have experienced problems and have been fined for harvesting our traditional plants. Director Jarvis has met with 52 tribes concerning this issue and is highly supportive of policy change to allow harvesting on Park lands by members of federally recognized tribes. This policy change is a two-year process and we are having ongoing discussions with the National Park service to discuss immediate solutions prior to the policy change. I will work to keep the community updated about my progress in this endeavor.

Iconica, the consultant company working on the Indoor Water Park visited Cherokee Monday, July 19th and Tuesday, July 20th. While in town Iconica spoke with the Planning Board to discuss their thoughts on the process thus far. Jason Lambert with EBCI Planning and Development assisted the consultants in their analysis of possible sites to locate the Water Park. Iconica is currently doing these site assessments and should complete their market analysis by the end of September. I will keep the community aware of the progress made on this project as I'm sure everyone is just as excited as I am at the possibility this business will come to Cherokee.

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**Principal Chief
Michell Hicks**

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New TOP Building officially opened



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Tribal officials cut the ribbon to officially open the new TOP building on Friday, July 16. Front row (left-right) Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Chairman Jim Owle, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Vice Chairman B. Ensley; back row - Birdtown Rep. Gene Crowe Jr., Vice Chief Larry Blythe and Painttown Rep. Terri Henry.

New Building replaces one destroyed in December 2008 Fire

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The new Tribal Operations Program (TOP) building was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, July 16. The new structure replaces the one destroyed by a fire on Dec. 20, 2008.

"This enables us to serve our clients in our community in a warm and inviting environment," said Rosie McCoy, TOP manager who thanked many tribal officials and programs for their work on the project. "Being back at our old location is truly appreciated."

The TOP program had been housed temporarily at the Beloved Women's and Children's Center and then the Leon D. Jones EMS Building.

"There's a lot of people to thank this morning especially our crews that took this aside," said Principal Chief Michell Hicks as he thanked EBCI Facilities Management for their work in the construction end of the project. "This is a very beautiful building. It's a simple building, but yet it's beautiful and defi-

nately will meet the needs of this department for a long time to come."

Vice Chief Larry Blythe related, "We truly are blessed as a people and sometimes we lose sight of just how blessed we are...I mean the resources we have to be able to recreate this building that for a long time was lost in the fire, but you know, as you look at the dedicated employees and you look at how this Tribe has progressed it's because of people like you and the employees that this Tribe has. Let's not lose sight again of just how blessed we are."

Chairman Jim Owle said, "I want to say thank you to Facilities, thank you VOC, thank you to everyone that had a part in building this building here, and also IT, thank you for all your work in this building."

"This enables us to serve our clients in our community in a warm and inviting environment."

- Rosie McCoy, TOP manager

To date, no one has been charged with arson in the fire. Following the fire, three people were arrested and charged with various crimes not directly related to the fire itself, but those charges were "Dismissed with Leave to Refile".

Following the fire, Cherokee Police Department released a statement saying, "Cherokee Police Investigators, the Cherokee Fire Department, and a Maggie Valley PD Arson Investigator have determined that the fire was not electrical or accidental."

Big Cove School Board Special Election



The following Candidates will appear in the following order (pending final verifications) on the Big Cove School

Board Special Election Ballots:

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Lori Blankenship
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Tamara L. Thompson

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Tribal Consultation Meeting held between EBCI and NPS

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The harvesting of native plants in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by EBCI tribal members has been a controversial issue for the past few years and several members have even been cited with federal charges. A Tribal Consultation meeting between EBCI tribal members and officials and National Park Service (NPS) officials, including NPS director John Jarvis, was held at the Cherokee Central School on Friday, July 16. The meeting was held to address the gathering issue as well as the re-opening of a road that would provide emergency vehicles better access to the new Cherokee Central Schools.

Most of the discussion centered around NPS regulation 36 CFR 2.1(a) which prohibits individuals in a national park from “possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state” the following: living or dead wildlife or fish and parts such as antlers or nests, plants or plant parts, paleontological and archaeological resources, mineral resources, and wood.

“It was getting to the point where Tribal members who were going into the Park to gather food and ceremonial and religious plants were getting cited in court for doing something they’ve done for nearly 10,000 years,” said Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy. “They didn’t understand it and we didn’t either.”

She thanked the NPS officials for coming to Cherokee to hold the discussions and said she would like to be a part of any group of NPS and Tribal officials that is formed to discuss such regulations within the Park.

Jarvis, a 35-year NPS veteran, said the regulation is “just wrong” and said it should be changed and soon. “It became a mission of mine to fix this. Now, that I’m director, I’m in a position to fix it.”

He said it frustrates him that the process of fixing the regulation has taken in excess of 15 years. “You should never have been subjected to that,” he told the crowd of mainly EBCI tribal members gathered on Friday. “That’s why we’re on the path to fix this so that the regulation will be changed.”

Principal Chief Michell Hicks thanked Jarvis for coming to Cherokee and said, “I just appreciate your openness and willingness to put things on the table that



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Judy Welch Smith (center) speaks with John Jarvis (right), NPS director, prior to a Tribal Consultation Meeting on Friday, July 16 as Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy looks on. Smith, along with her sister Marvel Welch, was cited on federal charges of gathering sochan in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Those charges were subsequently dropped. The meeting was held to discuss the gathering of plants within National Parks.

need to be further discussed.”

Chief Hicks said he was also thankful for the relationship with Dale Ditmanson, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent. “We can’t always agree about everything, but we do appreciate your respect for the Eastern Band in at least being able to come to the table and talk about things.”

Pat Parker, NPS staff, gave a brief power point presentation entitled “Regulations Governing Gathering of Plants and Minerals” which outlined some of the regulations currently on the books. While some EBCI tribal members have gotten into legal difficulty over their harvesting of ramps and sochan, not all plants are illegal to harvest.

According to 36 CFR 2.1(c)(1), the park superintendent may designate certain “fruits, nuts, berries and unoccupied shells” for harvesting within each park.

Parker related in her presentation that there are currently eight NPS units where Congress has officially authorized tribal plant gathering including: Everglades National Park, Canyon de Chelly

National Monument, Organ Pipe National Monument, Grand Canyon National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, El Malpais National Monument, and Death Valley National Park.

Marvel Welch and her sister, Judy Welch Smith, were both cited in federal court for gathering sochan in the Park. Marvel related the charges against them were dismissed by the judge due to there being no fore-warning about the sochan gathering ban. She told the crowd on Friday that she feels they were punished for being themselves and doing what their ancestors have done for thousands of years.

Friday’s meeting was one in a series of tribal consultation meetings the NPS is having with tribes across the country on this issue. According to the power point presentation, the publication of the proposed rule changes could occur this fall or winter with a comment period beginning in late winter or early spring 2011.

Wolfetown Rep. Mike Parker said he feels the NPS has already set precedent for non-Indians to gather plants within the Park. “You allow people to come in and

cut hay, cut the sochan out...so, you’ve basically already set precedent by allowing other people to collect our native stuff.”

“I just want you guys to take that to heart whenever you’re talking about this long process that we have to go through in order to allow our Native people to collect plants for food or for medicinal purposes and things.”

Amanda Swimmer, an EBCI tribal elder from the Big Cove Community, has been the top proponent for the re-opening of an old Park road that would connect the Big Cove Road with Newfound Gap Road for the purpose of allowing an alternative route in and out of the new Cherokee Central Schools in the event of an emergency.

She told Friday’s crowd that she has been working on this project for at least two years. Her concern is that Big Cove Road could be blocked in the event of an emergency such as a school bombing. “I’m concerned about the safety of the children...how are we going to get them out if something happens?”

CHEROKEE NEW BRIEFS

Miss Cherokee Applications available

Application Packets for Miss Cherokee 2010 are available at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Applicants must be 18-25 years of age, never married, no children and members of the EBCI. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 3pm at Tsali Manor. Info: Lou Jackson 736-1511 or Deb West 554-6860.

- Source: EBCI Pageant Board

One Feather joins NCPA

The Cherokee One Feather has been admitted for membership into the North Carolina Press Association (NCPA). The Board of Directors of NCPA made the determination during its quarterly meeting in July following an application process.

- Source: One Feather staff report

Cherokee Youth Football Registration

Registration is now ongoing for Cherokee Youth Football. Practice is scheduled to start Monday, July 26 at 5pm at the old Cherokee High School field. Below is a registration form. Please keep in mind that an updated physical must accompany the form. Info: Dave McCoy 497-4728. You can find the registration form online at - <http://www.nc-cherokee.com/theonefeather/2010/07/14/cherokee-youth-football-registration/>.

Cherokee Youth Cheerleading Registration

Registration is now open for all ages of Cherokee Cheerleading. For each squad (Peewees, Termites, Mites and Midges), the first 20 girls with completed registration will be taken. Completed registration includes the registration form and proof of current physical. Sign-ups will be taken at Birdtown Gym only. Be sure to have your registration signed by Rec. personnel when you turn it in. Practice is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 5pm. Anyone interested in coaching Peewees or Termites, please contact Trista 736-0352. Info: Birdtown Gym 554-6890 or Trista 736-0352.

- Source: Cherokee Rec. Dept.

Free Computer Classes

The State of Franklin/Swain County Senior Center, a sub-grantee of Senior Service America, is sponsoring free basic computer classes to anyone over the age of 55. Info: Jan Moore 488-3047.

Soccer Teams looking for Players

The Cherokee Traveling Soccer Team is looking for a few more players between the ages of 12 and 14 (born after July 31, 1996) for the Fall season. The Bryson City U10 Traveling team is also looking for a few more players between the ages of 8-10 (born after July 31, 2000). Info: Michelle Ledford 554-6815 or michledf@nc-cherokee.com.

- Source: Michelle Ledford

Trout Derby needs Volunteers

The 9th Annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7 is seeking volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Yolanda Saunooke at yolasaun@nc-cherokee.com or 828-554-6854.

Fort Sill Indian School Reunion planned.

The Fort Sill Indian School is planning its annual reunion for Oct. 8-9 at the FSIS Campus Gym in Lawton, Okla. Info: Darlene Defoe (828) 736-0851, James Bit-sue (505) 793-7532, Pat and Richard Bread (580) 588-2040, or Phyllis Hunter (405) 247-1558 - work.

North Carolina Sales Tax Holiday

North Carolina G.S. 105-164.13C provides an exemption for certain items of tangible personal property sold between 12:01 A.M. on the first Friday in August and 11:59 P.M. the following Sunday. Clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; school instructional materials of \$300 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item, computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies are included.

- Source: North Carolina Dept. of Revenue



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Cherokee Agency
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Cherokee Agency, has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction and leasing of 60 apartments at the Soco Creek Apartment Complex, on a 6.36-acre tract off of Highway 19 (Wolfetown Road) on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Reservation in Jackson County, North Carolina.

NOTICE: This is a "Notice Of Availability" (NOA), that the Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI for the construction and leasing of apartments at the Soco Creek Apartment Complex are available for public review. The BIA has adopted the EA, prepared for the Tribe, entitled "Environmental Assessment, Soco Creek Apartments, Cherokee, North Carolina", dated June, 16, 2010. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This NOA also constitutes a public notice that the decision to proceed has been made. This NOA initiates a 30 day comment and appeal period from the date issued. The EA and FONSI are available at Cherokee Agency, Highway 441 North, P.O. Box 1959, Cherokee, NC 28719.

APPEALS: "Any person who may be adversely affected by this decision may appeal the decision to: Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville TN 37214 in accordance with the regulations set forth at 25 CFR Part 2. The notice of appeal must be signed and mailed within thirty days of the date of this decision. The notice should clearly identify the decision being appealed, and a copy of the decision should be attached to the notice of appeal. Copies of the notice must be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, MS 4140-MIB, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240, as well as to my office and to all other interested parties known to the person appealing the decision. The notice of appeal to the Regional Director must also certify that the appealing party sent copies to each of these parties. The Regional Director will notify an appealing party of further appeal procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior."

For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 564-6832.

Darlene W. Defoe, Acting
Superintendent, Cherokee Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date: 6/25/10

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE SOCO CREEK APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

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FINDING: The BIA has adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, entitled "Environmental Assessment, Soco Creek Apartments, Cherokee, North Carolina", dated June, 16, 2010. Based on review and analysis of the EA it has been determined that the construction and leasing of apartments at this site will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and the BIA is issuing this FONSI.

Darlene W. Defoe, Acting
Superintendent, Cherokee Agency
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No # given – Last will & testament of Charlotte Hornbuckle Mason (d) – Hold

Tabled Ord. No. 216 – Election Ordinance Amendments – Remains Tabled

Tabled Res. No. 238 – Request for 3% COLA for Tribal employees – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 274 – Syllabary Translation – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 275 – Business Preference Law Amendments – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 321 – Business Background Checks – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 323 – Hunting & Fishing Ord. Amendments – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 356 – Concealed Carry of Dangerous Weapons – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 357 – Domestic Violence Prevention Act – Remains Tabled

Tabled Ord. No. 358 – Tribal Condominium Act – Killed

Tabled Res. No. 362 – Shan Standingdeer requests transfer between himself and John Julius Wilnoty (d) be completed without signature of Tennie Standingdeer Wilnoty – Remains Tabled

Res. No. 391 – Protest resolution regarding Res. No. 391 (2010) submitted by Cynthia Grant and Billie Jo Rich – location of pump station in Painttown Community – Killed/Denied

Res. No. 392 – Amendment to Res. No. 264 (10) to change name from William Howard Lambert (d) to Willard Howard Lambert (d) – Passed

Res. No. 393 – BIA authorized to decrease right-of-way along Mary Lambert Farm Road from 60 feet to 40 feet across parcel belonging to Patrick Lambert – Amended/Tabled

Res. No. 394 – Assignment of mutual-help houses – Mollie W. Herbold – Passed

Res. No. 395 – Council instruct Office of Planning & Development to begin organization of programs, members, and individuals regarding the housing of historical documentation and items of value to EBCI – Amended/Passed

Res. No. 396 – Chief authorized to enter into PL 93-638 Title V Construction agreements with Nashville Area Indian Health Service for administering PL 86-121 Sanitation Facilities Construction Projects awarded during FY 2010 – Amended/Passed

Res. No. 397 – Council authorize Cherokee Language Forum to develop Cherokee Language subject area test as part of certification process for Cherokee language instructors – Passed

Ord. No. 398 – Cherokee Broadband Enterprises Amendment – Tabled

No # given – Revised Personnel Policy – Withdrawn

Res. No. 399 – 2% one-time incentive for Tribal Employees and approval of FY 2011 Fiscal Budget – Tabled

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Cherokee Tribal Court Report

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Judgment Summary for July 13

CEDILLO, Abel Torres

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed at the Request of the Prosecuting Witness

14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dis-

missed at the Request of the Prosecuting Witness

PEPION, James D.

14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court – Dismissed – No Probable Cause

WATTY, Crystal

14-2.1 Attempted Assault – Dismissed at the Request of the Prosecuting Witness

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CMS Students in FUNtana Summer Program

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"A new book is like a box of chocolates; you never know that you're going to get," said Olivia Stewman, a sixth-grader at Macon Middle School.

Stewman and other sixth-graders in Macon, Jackson and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary received free books this summer through an initiative called FUNtana Summer Reading Program. Each student hand-picked three books that they wanted and could keep for themselves.

Coordinated by Cindy Thompson, Southwestern Community College GEAR UP readiness coach, the project involved more than 600 students and 2,000 books. It also involved many partners-Southwestern's GEAR UP program, Fontana Regional Library, Qualla Boundary Public Library, Scholastic Literacy Partners Program and the local school systems.

"Students need to exercise their brains in the summer, too, so we did this as a fun project to nurture the love of learning," said Thompson.

The first box loads of books arrived in the schools the last week of classes and eager students took their first selections home with them. Students pick up their second and third books at their local public library. Postcards are sent notifying students of the pickup dates and books not picked up by a certain time will be mailed to the students.

Sandra Arneach, a sixth-grader at Smokey Mountain Elementary, likes the program "because you get to pick books you like." A fan of the comic strip, she selected the book Calvin and Hobbes.

"Our sixth-graders are on all reading levels," said Thompson. "Plus, their interests are so varied. That's why we didn't just select the same books for all the students. They made their own choices."

Trent Wright, sixth-grader at Swain Middle, loves to read about history and selected a book about the Vietnam War as his first book. Briana Worley, Scotts Creek sixth-grader, chose The Lightning Thief. Dayini Lossie at Smokey Mountain Elementary enjoys scary sto-



Photo courtesy of Rose Garrett/SCC

Cherokee Middle School sixth-graders, from left, Faith Long, Jacob Long, Lidia Flores, Virginia Grant, Justin Brady and Kennan Panther are excited to receive their first books in Southwestern Community College GEAR UP's Funtana Summer Reading Program.

ries so she picked The Best Ghost Stories.

"The program isn't just for avid readers," said Thompson. "Some students prefer sports, camping, hunting or fishing and were pleasantly surprised to find books on those subjects that they could have just for themselves."

Ryan Long, sixth-grader at Smokey Mountain Elementary, said he is more likely to go to the library now because of the free books.

"Books are cool; especially when they are free," said Nichole Rogers, sixth-grader at Macon Middle.

Equally impressed, Jeriah Caplinger, Swain middle student, said, "This program shows that people care about us, giving us free books."

"One of the ideas behind the project was to help change students' attitude from, 'Oh, no, I have to read' to 'O, yes, I get to read.' From what I'm hearing, it's working," said Thompson.

Federal Education Officials to meet with NC State Tribes

RALEIGH – The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs will facilitate a meeting of the U.S. Department of Education and regional Tribal Leaders on Aug. 5 in Pembroke. While Education officials have participated in a series of meetings with federally-recognized tribes across the United States, this event will mark the first time they seek input and feedback from state-recognized tribes and organizations.

"This is a significant achievement for North Carolina, because the needs of state-recognized American Indian students are sometimes different from those who reside on federal reserva-

tions," said Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the Commission of Indian Affairs. "We appreciate that Department of Education officials recognize that they are not dealing with a sort of one-size-fits-all environment."

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Indian Education Center of the Public Schools of Robeson County, 818 W. Third St., Pembroke.

Senior Education officials will seek feedback from North Carolina Tribal Leaders on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Department's Plan of Actions for Consultation and Coordina-

tion with Indian Tribal Governments, and any other federal education initiatives that impact American Indian and Alaska Native students.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, North Carolina's American Indian population totals more than 100,000, giving the state the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi and the seventh largest in the nation.

North Carolina has one federally-recognized Tribe - the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and seven state-recognized Tribes, including the Coharie (Harnett and Sampson counties); Haliwa-Saponi (Halifax and Warren); Lumbee

(Hoke, Robeson and Scotland); Meherrin (Hertford); Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (Alamance and Orange); Sappony (Person); Waccamaw Siouan (Bladen and Columbus); and four Urban Organizations, including Cumberland County Association for Indian People; Guilford Native American Association; Metrolina Native American Association; and the Triangle Native American Society.

- Source: N.C. Dept. of Administration

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Bill to help Tribal Courts passed in Senate

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Tribal Courts may soon have more leeway in sentencing thanks to a Senate Bill passed on June 23. Senate Bill S.797, aka Tribal Law and Order Act of 2009, grants Tribal Courts the authority to impose a sentence of three years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$15,000 for a single count. Those are raised from the previous maximums of one year imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine as outlined in the Indian Civil Rights Act.

The Tribal Law and Order Act was passed as an amendment to the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010. The bill is now being considered in the House Subcommittee on Crimes, Terrorism, and Homeland Security as H.R. 1924.

"The passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act is great news," said Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) who introduced the bill in the Senate. "Native American families have a right to live in a safe and secure environment. The federal government has treaty and trust obligations to see that they do."

Sen. Dorgan continued, "For much of our history,

however, the federal government has done a poor job of meeting those obligations. This legislation will help turn that failure around and is a big step forward in fighting violent crime in Indian Country."

William Boyum, an EBCI tribal member and Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court stated, "Senator Dorgan's bill would assist tribal law enforcement in many areas. Two of the most beneficial provisions in the bill would require U.S. Attorneys to keep a better record of declinations and would allow Tribal Courts to punish criminals with active sentences as long as three years. The bill aims to reduce the number of declinations and to encourage U.S. Attorneys to make their acceptance/declination decisions in a more expeditious manner."

According to information obtained from Sen. Dorgan's office, "Federal officials have declined to prosecute more than 50 percent of violent crimes in Indian Country, and a higher rate of sexual assaults."

Chief Justice Boyum said that the bill would allow U.S. Attorneys to appoint Tribal prosecutors as special Assistant U.S. Attorneys who could take cases into federal court themselves. "This would be a great benefit

to all Tribes since many serious crimes do not fit within federal prosecutorial guidelines and get declined even though federal court would be the most appropriate place to prosecute."

He was also very pleased with the increased sentencing allowance. "The increase in maximum punishments shows that Congress has begun to recognize that Tribal Courts are truly functional and fair courts, even for more serious crimes. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a larger movement to close the weak links in the Indian justice system that were created by Congress and the Supreme Court in the first place."

The House bill was introduced by Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) who testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security on Dec. 10, 2009. "While there is no simple or quick fix, this comprehensive legislation is a step in the right direction," she said during her testimony. "By passing this legislation, we'll make important strides in improving law enforcement in Indian Country during this Congress."

Former TCGE Head hired as AGM at Harrah's Cherokee

Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel announced the hiring of two new Assistant General Managers on Monday, July 19 – one for Resort Operations and the other for Casino Operations, a business decision designed to refine and implement a new vision for the expanding operation.

Norma Moss, an EBCI tribal member who has chaired the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) Board since 2004, will assume the newly created Assistant General Manager – Resort Operations position, while Brooks Robinson, a Harrah's employee who transfers from Horseshoe Bossier City and Louisiana Downs, will become Assistant General Manager – Casino Operations. Both will assume their new positions this month, pending all necessary regulatory approvals.

"Our work in transitioning Harrah's Cherokee from a casino and hotel to a resort destination continues," said General Manager and Senior Vice President Darold Londo. "While our \$633 million expansion is well underway, we still have a long way to go to renovate the existing facility and complete the transition of our program and service experience to a resort destination. The experience that Norma and Brooks bring to our senior team will help us reach our goals."

"With the slow recovery of the economy on the horizon and the full potential of this enterprise quickly approaching, it's time to add two key integrators to the business," Londo added. "Norma and Brooks are those integrators. Both have proven track-records and key skills for the job."

While chairing the TCGE Board of Advisors, Moss has had constant contact with the gaming operation while overseeing business decisions for the property, working with Tribal leadership, and developing and implementing the master plan for the Harrah's Cherokee expansion project. Moss earned an engineering degree



Norma Moss



Brooks Robinson

"With the slow recovery of the economy on the horizon and the full potential of this enterprise quickly approaching, it's time to add two key integrators to the business."

- Darold Londo, Harrah's Cherokee General Manager

from the University of Tennessee and worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the Power Generation Operations Division for 10 years before returning to Cherokee. She was a member of the Harrah's Cherokee Casino start-up team in 1997, managing the Facility Operations Department.

In her new position, Moss will oversee the Facilities, Hotel, Food, Beverage, Convention Operations, Retail Sales and Contracted Sales departments, and eventually the Spa.

Moss and her husband, Ted, live in Whittier. She has chaired the Board of Directors for Swain/Qualla Safe House and has been a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Commission. She currently is working to raise awareness and funding for the Madison Hornbuckle Cancer Foundation.

Robinson, who comes to Cherokee from Horseshoe Bossier City, LA, and Louisiana Downs, where he was most recently Vice President of Continuous Im-

provement and Total Service, began his 16-year career with Harrah's as a table games dealer in Tunica, MS. He has a business degree from the University of Mississippi and varied casino management experience from table games and slots supervisor to Vice President of Operations. Throughout his career with Harrah's, Robinson has participated in four significant company renovation or opening projects.

Robinson and his wife, Heather, soon will move to the area with their two children. An active community member, Robinson has worked with the American Red Cross, Shreveport Regional Art's Council and Bossier Military Affairs Council.

In his new role, Robinson will oversee the Operations, Security, Surveillance, Total Rewards/Motor Coach operations departments, and will support VIP Hospitality Services.

- Source: Harrah's Cherokee release

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Letters to the Editor

What is State Recognition?

Legislative identification as Indian has existed in Virginia since 1786 and in North Carolina since 1885, but some time since 1996, the term “state recognition” has come to mean almost anything. In West Virginia, “state recognition” has all the force of a resolution passed that “this is ice cream day”.

In South Carolina, there is a state law passed on how to petition for “state recognition” but all it really amounts to is a ceremony, a handshake and a newspaper article and maybe a nice highway historical marker sign. The point of it in South Carolina is to ensure that each “state recognized” tribe has formally abjured all land claims.

I don’t know what if anything, Tennessee means by “state recognition” It can’t mean that they will now be dealt with as Indian tribes by the Tennessee Commission on Indian Affairs, because there isn’t one.

All I know about any of the six

groups now “state recognized” is that Lee Vest got the idea to start a “Yuchi” group because the Tomahitan Indians lived in 1673 and 1674 somewhere in what is now Tennessee and appear to be the same people as the real Yuchi now politically incorporated into the Muscogee (Creek) nation of Oklahoma, where they live near Salpula.

Also, one of the other five groups, The Central band of Cherokee has a petition in for Federal acknowledgement but under another name, Cherokees of Lawrence County (petitioner 277).

Signed,
Wes Taukchira

Thank You

The Oconaluftee Institute for Cultural Arts would like to thank the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for their support in making the 2010 Cherokee Art Market a huge success. We would like to thank The Cherokee Boy’s Club for facilitating

the grant and Cherokee Travel and Tourism for providing the use of the ceremonial grounds. Thank you to all the vendors and artists for participating. Congratulations to all the winners of the art competition. Thanks to all the volunteers from the Cherokee High School football team and Smokey Mountain Elementary School’s Native American Parent Committee. Thank you to all whom attended this year, we look forward to seeing you next year.

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Thank You

I wanted to send thank you letters to everyone that helped with my recovery through prayer, financial gifts, food and friendship. The list was so long and I knew there would be many I missed, so I decided to say thank you to everyone all at once! Many people helped in ways that just a “thank you” does not seem to reflect my gratitude. Without the charity of others I would never have been able to have the surgery that allowed me to fly home and be treated here so I could be among family and friends. In fact, I may not even be here to write this letter. I have beaten the worst of it and am starting the long road to recovery. At least the horribly painful stuff is behind me now. Please know that I do appreciate each and every person and family that spared a moment to fit me into a prayer or spared funds to help with the medications and surgeries. I was overwhelmed with the amount of support we received. Thank You especially to my brother and sister who structured the foundation and the raffles that helped organize the charitable donations. The list of people I want to thank is a long one and I will be

sure to say thank you in person one of these days, if I have not done so already. Just know that I will never forget what a generous community I come from and I am proud to have you all as family and friends.

Signed,
Jason Reed

Thank You Yogi Crowe

Dear Board of Directors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors of the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for the scholarship funding you awarded me. Receiving this scholarship will enhance my continued pursuit of a Master’s in Business from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

As a full time student as well as a full time employee of Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Hotel, this year has proven to be quite demanding; however, it has been time very well spent. I’m grateful that I, and other enrolled members of the Tribe, have such a dedicated group of individuals serving on the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Committee and that these types of funding are available.

The UT MBA will help me think more globally about our business, become a better leader, improve strategic thinking and analytical skills, create value for our organization and the Tribe, and ultimately help position me to be a more effective team member.

I encourage any Tribal member pursuing a master’s degree to reach out to your organization for assistance! Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Paula Brown Wojtkowski

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Suicide Prevention in Cherokee

By **STEPHEN COLMANT, Ph.D.**
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About 30,000 people die by suicide in the U.S. each year. Suicide ranked as the eighth leading cause of death for American Indians/Alaska Natives of all ages and ranked as the second leading cause of death for those from age of 10 to 34. Between Jan 2007-July 2008, the EBCI lost nearly one person per month age 15-44. At least half of these deaths are directly attributable to accidental overdose or suicide.

According to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, American Indian/Alaska Native youth have more serious problems with mental health disorders related to suicide, such as anxiety, substance abuse, and depression than any other ethnic group. We have to do more than respond to problems when they occur and need to be more proactive in an effort to prevent suicide.

Over the past nine months, efforts are being made toward the development of a center of excellence for suicide prevention in Cherokee health care facilities. This is a community effort made through Cherokee Indian Hospital partnering with community gatekeepers including the Health and Medical Division, tribal emergency services, and the Cherokee school system. This effort is supported through the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI). MSPI is an IHS supported demonstration pilot project which provides funding to tribal organizations and federally operated programs that provide methamphetamine and/or suicide prevention or treatment services.

Prevention programs work and generally target risk and protective processes. The main strategies that work in suicide prevention include physician education, means restriction, gatekeeper education, improving chain of care, media efforts, public education campaigns, screenings, and specialized psychotherapy interventions.

Physician Education – This includes educating physicians on recognizing and treating depression, improving the connection to mental health services and increasing access to services through videoconferencing & teleconferencing consultation.

Means Restriction - Evidence from many countries and cultures shows that limiting access to lethal means and methods of self-harm is an effective strategy to prevent self-destructive behaviors in certain individuals. Examples have included firearm control legislation, pesticide restriction, detoxification of domestic gas, restriction of barbiturate sale, blister packets for analgesics, catalytic converters, barriers at jumping sites and lower toxicity antidepressants. **Gatekeeper Education** – A gatekeeper is anyone who has frequent contact with vulnerable populations. Educating Gatekeepers provides an opportunity to identify at-risk individuals and direct them to appropriate assessment and treatment. Examples of gatekeepers include: clergy, first responders, pharmacists, geriatric caregivers, personnel staff, school staff, and jail staff.

Chain of Care - After a suicide attempt, better structured collaboration between hospitals and teams providing follow-up care may improve compliance with treatment and decrease new attempts.

Media Efforts - Decreasing the glamorization of suicide and utilizing media blackouts.

Public Education Campaigns - Include attempts to improve recognition of suicide risk, causes and risk factors for suicidal behavior, depression as well as to reduce the stigma of mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Screenings - Identifying at-risk individuals and directing them into treatment. Screening typically targets suicidal behavior, depression, and substance abuse.

Psychotherapy Interventions - Training counselors on specific interventions in working with Suicidal Clients and Suicide Survivors.

The above are the types of interventions you are likely to see coming out of our efforts in developing a center of excellence for suicide prevention in Cherokee health care facilities. Some of the progress we have made has included identifying the problem in our community, organizing our MSPI committee, assembling and training community gatekeepers, and developing coordinated prevention policies among gatekeeper agencies. We have a lot of work to do and in the next coming months more efforts are going to be focused on community education, training health care and school personnel, and improving emergency service procedures.

Everyone is responsible for preventing suicide. People who are considering harming themselves may try to reach out to you—sometimes directly, sometimes indirectly. You should be especially alert for imminent warning signs of suicide, for example:

- Talking about suicide or death
- Giving direct verbal cues, such as “I wish I were dead” and “I’m going to end it all”
- Giving less direct verbal cues, such as “What’s the point of living?”, “Soon you won’t have to worry about me,” and “Who cares if I’m dead, anyway?”
- Isolating him- or herself from friends and family
- Expressing the belief that life is meaningless or hopeless.
- Giving away cherished possessions
- Exhibiting a sudden and unexplained improvement in mood after being depressed or withdrawn.
- Neglecting his or her appearance and hygiene

Pay careful attention to people who are physically ill and who exhibit any of the following warning signs of suicide:

- Stockpiling medications
- Buying a gun
- Giving away money or cher-

ished personal possessions

- Taking a sudden interest, or losing their interest, in religion
- Failing to care for themselves in terms of the routine activities of daily living
- Withdrawing from relationships
- Experiencing a failure to thrive, even after appropriate medical treatment
- Scheduling a medical appointment for vague symptoms

Adolescents are also at an increased risk of dying by suicide. Be alert for these warning signs:

- Volatile mood swings or sudden changes in their personality
- Indications that they are in unhealthy, destructive, or abusive relationships, such as unexplained bruises, a swollen face, or other injuries
- A sudden deterioration in their personal appearance
- Self-mutilation
- A fixation with death or violence
- Eating disorders, especially combined with dramatic shifts in weight (other than those associated with a diet under medical supervision)
- Gender identity issues
- Depression

Recognizing the warning signs is the first step in preventing suicide.

Responding to any warning signs should be targeted at keeping the person safe, providing empathy and support, and ensuring that the person receives the mental health and/or social services necessary to reduce his or her risk. Science has not yet provided us with fail-safe methods of assessing the risk of suicide. However, if there’s a chance that the person may be at risk, you can ask the sometimes difficult questions that will provide you with more evidence about his/her state of mind and intentions, for example:

- Do you ever wish you could go to sleep and never wake up?
- Sometimes when people feel sad, they have thoughts of harming or killing themselves. Have you had such thoughts?
- Are you thinking about killing yourself?

Start by telling the person you are concerned and give him/her examples.

Ask if they have a therapist and are taking medication. Do not attempt to argue someone out of suicide. Rather, let the person know you care, that he/she is not alone, that suicidal feelings are temporary and that depression can be treated. Avoid the temptation to say, “You have so much to live for,” or “Your suicide will hurt your family.”

You should act immediately if you have any reason to believe that the person is in imminent danger or poses a grave danger to him- or herself. Immediate action should also be taken when warning signs are combined with any of the following risk factors:

- Past incidents of suicidal behavior or self-harm
- A family history of suicide
- A history of psychiatric disorders or the abuse of alcohol or other drugs
- The person’s admission that he or she has considered suicide
- The person’s expressed wish to die
- Any evidence of a current psychiatric disorder

If you believe the person is in danger or poses a danger to him or herself, consider the following actions:

- Do not leave the person alone.
- Remove from the vicinity any firearms, drugs or sharp objects that could be used for suicide.
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
- Analenisgi has drop-in services M – F from 8AM – 4PM.
- Take the person to CIH emergency room or go to your nearest hospital or clinic.
- Call 911.
- Call Cherokee Police: 497-7405, 497-7417
- Call Mobile Crisis Management Team Smoky Mountain Center, Southern Region 888-315-2880 828-454-1098 ext 2806 office 828-337-8202 cell



Cherokee Boys Club Report

CLUB SCHEDULE:

July 19 – July 23 – Nominations may be submitted at Club office for Board of Directors' candidates

Wednesday, July 21 – Club Board of Directors Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

Friday, July 30 – Club Board nominees will be published

Thursday, August 26 – Club Board Election; Polls open at Club office 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1 – Newly elected board meets to select officers, advisory committee and general manager – 8:00 a.m. (Present Board continues to serve through September 30.)

October 1 – New Board and General Manager Installed

JULY BOARD AGENDA:

Resolution 2386 - Approve applicant for part-time Data Entry Clerk for Family Support Services Department –Leslie Lossiah (Tabled from June 16, 2010)

Resolution 2393 – Consider request for donation of surplus equipment to a non-profit group

Resolution 2394 – Consider request to change status of one Shop Department employee from OJT to Helper

Resolution 2395 – Request that CPF Planning Grant to the Club for Training Center be changed to planning for Children's Home

Resolution 2396 – Authorize changes in Club Handbook transferring OJT funding and operation from the Club's Administration Department to each participating Club department

Resolution 2397 - Authorize Club managers and Facility Committee to apply for grant assistance in upgrading Club facilities and improving energy efficiency

NOMINATIONS FOR 2010-2012 CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations will be accepted for the 2010-2012 Boys Club Board of Directors Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23rd. Club members may nominate one or more candidates for the new Board. Club Bylaws state that Club members must be a student or former student of Cherokee High School. A nomination box and will be set up in the Boys Club Lobby the week of July 19-23. Nomination forms can be obtained from the receptionist.

CHILDREN'S HOME/FAMILY SUPPORT/CHILD CARE REPORT FOR JUNE 2010

Cherokee Children's Home served 15 youth during the month of June. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the Children's Home has provided 3,618 days of child care.

The Family Support Services served 1,208 clients during the month of June and has provided 23,205 client contacts since July 1, 2009.

Child Care served 97 children during the month of June and has provided 24,377 days of child care since July 1, 2009.

CLUB SAFETY PRIZES!

At the Club Safety Committee meeting on July 15, 2010, the Committee held the Quarterly Safety Awards drawing for April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Any employee who did not have a job injury resulting in lost days of work was included in the drawing. One name was drawn from each department and the winners are listed below.

The winners get a \$25.00 gift card.

Winners:

Sherry Toineeta – Administration; Pam Lambert – Agelink/Snowbird Child Care; Jasper Wolfe – Bus and Truck Dept; Charles Arch – C&F; Howard Morgan – CES ; Barbara Jones – CCH and Family Support; Tommy Lambert – Graphics; Emory Rhoads – CHS; Carla McCoy – Kitchen; Joe Creasman – CMS; Beverly Payne – School Admin/Facilities/Hope Center/SPED/IT; John W. Crowe – Shop; and Teresa Johnson – Job Corps

Language Talks held



Photo courtesy of Renissa Walker/KPEP

Shown at the meeting on Monday, July 12 are (left-right) Benita Tipton; Principal Chief Michell Hicks; Helga Fasciano, Section Chief NC DPI; and Ann Marie Gunter.

Tribal and State Officials meet to discuss Cherokee Language Proficiency Test

By RENISSA WALKER

Representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Graham County Indian Education, Swain County Schools, and Principal Chief Michell Hicks met with three members from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) on Monday, July 12. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the next steps to finalize development of a Cherokee language proficiency test to meet license requirements for highly qualified teachers in North Carolina.

Discussions with NC DPI began a couple of years ago as a result of public schools requesting Cherokee language be taught at area schools. During the 2009-2010 school year, Graham County Indian Education, with the assistance of the Cherokee Language Program at Western Carolina University (grant funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation) started a Cherokee Language High School I and II class.

The courses, offered at Robbinsville High School, meet the NC Standard Course of Study for second languages, and through a written agreement with WCU, meet the foreign language requirements for college entrance. The creation of the proficiency test was spurred by the public school's requirements to have "highly qualified" teachers in the classroom.

The lengthy process to create the proficiency test officially began with the passing of legislation in Tribal Council on July 1. The resolution, granted the forum (WCU, Kituwah Preservation & Education Program, Cherokee Central Schools, Principal Chief, Deputy Administrative Officer, and Director of Youth and Adult Education) permission to proceed with the development of the testing instrument.

Currently, there is not a Cherokee language proficiency test that is recognized by the NC Department of Education.

It is the intention of the forum, once the proficiency test is in place, to advocate for all schools within the NC university system to allow the Cherokee I and II classes to meet the requirements for college entrance.

Renissa is the manager of the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program (KPEP).

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Flight wins National Championship

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Blowgun Stop Action

The dart coming out of Elijah Watty’s blowgun seems to hover above the ground in this photo taken at the Cherokee Youth Olympics on Thursday, July 15 at the old Cherokee High School. Watty was competing in the 8&under Blowgun contest.



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Western Writers Banquet

Robert J. Conley (right) attends the Spur Awards Banquet at the 2010 Western Writers of America Convention, held recently in Knoxville, Tenn., with his wife Evelyn (left) and granddaughter. Conley, a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee is the Sequoyah Distinguished Professor in Cherokee Studies at Western Carolina University.



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Tribal Member turns 102!

Tsali Care Center held a surprise 102nd birthday party for resident and EBCI tribal member Carie Sneed Robinson on Monday, July 19. She was joined by her son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Ginger Robinson. Carie was given a vase of red roses and a sheet cake that was shared with the other residents and staff. She is the daughter of the late Cam and Minda Sneed.



Photo courtesy of Ashleigh Brown

Royalty visits Choctaws

Several of the Cherokee Royalty visited the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians during the Choctaw Indian Fair held July 14-17 in Choctaw, Miss. Shown (left-right) Teen Miss Cherokee Kele Crisp, Jr. Miss Cherokee Kaycee Lossiah and Little Miss Cherokee Emma Stamper.



Photo courtesy of Jason Smith

On top of North America...

Jason Smith (left), EBCI assistant tribal prosecutor, along with his friend Patrick Crawford, hold the EBCI tribal flag high atop Mount McKinley in Alaska during a trip last month. Mount McKinley, also known by Denali which is an Athabaskan word meaning "The High One", has the highest summit elevation in North America at 20,320 feet above sea level.



Photo courtesy of Renissa Walker/KPEP

Sgi Shirley!

Students in the Kituwah Academy Summer Camp enjoyed a visit from Shirley Oswalt last week. Shirley, along with a couple of her Cherokee language camp students, gave the upcoming 1st grade students a pottery lesson, all in the Cherokee language. "Thank you Shirley for taking time away from your busy schedule to teach our students!" said Renissa Walker, Kituwah Preservation and Education Program manager.



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Soccer Moves

Taylin Bowman shows off her dribbling skills during the team races during the Cherokee Youth Olympics last week.

Horseshoe Champs



Photos courtesy of the Wildcatt Family

Eddie Hill (left) and Charlie Reed (right) won 1st place at the 18th Annual Kenny Wildcatt Horseshoe Tournament held Saturday, July 10.



ABOVE:
Jeremiah Pheasant (left)
and Pig Bradley (right)
took 2nd place in the tour-
nament.

RIGHT:
Gary Martin (right) won
the 50/50 raffle at the
tournament.



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Nebraska or Bust!

Blair Sinnen (front left) and Gil Biello (front center) were given a send-off on Thursday, July 15 as they embarked on a trip to Lincoln, Neb. to compete in the Special Olympics National Games which started Sunday, July 18. Both athletes were set to compete in the Bowling Competition at the Games. Shown (left-right) Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Diamond Brown Jr., Painttown Rep. Terri Henry, Sinnen, Chairman Jim Owle, Biello, Birdtown Rep. Gene Crowe Jr., Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, and Vice-Chairman B. Ensley.



DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather

Soccer Camp held in Cherokee

Coach Andy Schwarz (left), from Virginia, is holding a soccer camp this week at the old Cherokee High School football field. He is shown above working with players on Monday, July 19. The first summer soccer camp was held in 2007 with Coach Andy and with the help from Tammy Jackson of Mission to the World, he has been back each year since. As the kids learn soccer drills they also learn the benefits of sportsmanship, being a team player and having a positive attitude its about soccer fundamentals in a fun and encouraging environment. Several of the returning kids from Monday's camp were eager and ready to play opposite word which is a game where if the coach yells head, the player is to catch the ball, if he yells catch then the player is to head the ball (as seen above). Camp will continue Thursday, July 22 and Friday, July 23 at the Old High School football field from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

New Season, New Coach

Craig Barker takes helm as Head Coach of Cherokee Braves

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee has a new head football coach and he's hit the ground running. While new to the head coaching job, Craig Barker is not new to Cherokee having served as defensive coordinator for the Braves for the past four seasons.

Barker graduated from Swain County High School in 1993. In his years there, he was a stand-out player being named All-Conference three times and winning two state championships.

From there, he went on to play outside linebacker at Appalachian State University and continued his success by being a three-year letterman. He was a member of the 1995 Southern Conference championship team and graduated with honors with a degree in Criminal Justice in 1998.

"I believe in running the football, but we're going to have a timely passing game as well," said Barker. "We're going to try to open it a little bit and we're going to what we do best – that's give people a physical style of football."

When asked what his goal was for his inaugural year as a head coach, Barker said the goal of every coach is a state championship and he is no different. "We're not going to sell ourselves short. That's the ultimate goal. We're here working hard. We're going to go

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Joe Street (left), owner of Rivers Edge Outfitters, and Matthew Pegg, executive director of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, measure the winning fish. Chris Anderson, owner of Rivers Edge Outfitters admires the winning fish thru the window.

Meet Me in the Smokies Fishing Challenge held

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce hosted the first annual Meet Me in the Smokies Fishing Challenge for local and visiting fishermen on Saturday, July 17.

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce hosted the first annual Meet Me in the Smokies Fishing Challenge in partnership with River's Edge Outfitters, EBCI Fisheries and Wildlife Management and the Cherokee Rotary.

Dozens of local and visiting fishermen enjoyed a great day of fishing on the Cherokee Enterprise waters.

Wayne Wolfe of Cherokee; C.V. Harnet of Fayetteville, NC; and Mike Wakefield of Madison, NC all won cash prizes for catching one of the 250 tagged fish that were stocked. Trent Wolfe, of Cherokee, won the first place prize for the longest fish caught. His 20 and a half inch rainbow trout was caught off Big Cove Road. Justin French, also of Cherokee, won the second place prize with his 17 and a half inch rainbow trout.

For more information concerning the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, please call 828-497-6700 or visit CherokeeSmokies.com.



Shown (left-right) Trent Wolfe with his winning 20 1/2 inch rainbow trout; Matthew Pegg, executive director of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce; and Justin French with his 17 1/2 inch rainbow trout.

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out and we're going to compete."

Barker said he and his staff are not going to settle for mediocrity on the field or in the classroom. "We're going to excel in every aspect. We're going to expect to win. Everything we go into we're going to expect to win."

He said his players are students first and athletes second. "I'm going to expect a level that they succeed in the classroom and on the football field."

Barker commented that he wants to instill in his players a sense of pride and a work ethic that will allow them to overcome adversity both on the field and later in life. "We want to build fine young men here."

During his four seasons at Cherokee, he said he's thoroughly enjoyed working with the players and the community. "We're going to put a football team out on the field that the Eastern Band of Cherokees can be proud of."

He hopes to get the community more involved with Braves football again as well. "The boys are having a great summer in the training room, and I want to invite everyone to come out and support the Braves this fall. I also want to thank this community for this great opportunity. It's an honor and a privilege to coach here."

A "Meet the Braves" Cookout is planned for Friday, July 30 at 6:30pm in the parking lot adjacent to the Braves Fieldhouse. All community members are invited to meet the coaches and players and enjoy a free meal.

The Braves' first official practice is set for Monday, Aug. 2 at 4pm.

Barker resides in the Tow String Community with his wife and two daughters.

"Meet the Braves" Cookout

Friday, July 30 at
6:30pm

Parking Lot adjacent to the
Braves Fieldhouse

All community members are
invited to meet the coaches and
players and enjoy a free meal.

- Source: Cherokee Chamber release

More Cherokee Youth Olympics Results

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

The Cherokee Youth Olympics continued on Wednesday, July 14 - Friday, July 16. Events were held at various venues in Cherokee including the old Cherokee High School and the Cherokee Life Center. Following are the results, per Radonna Crowe, from July 14-16.

Wednesday, July 14

TRIATHLON

11-14 Girls:

Gold: Storm Ledford

9-10 Girls:

Gold: Sierra Wachacha

7-8 Boys:

Gold: Judaiah Littlejohn

6 & under:

Gold: Tawodi Clapsaddle

Silver: Brandes Conway

Bronze: Priest Littlejohn

4th: Julies Owle

SCOOTER RIDING

Skills/Agility 4& Under:

Gold= James Arch

Skills/Agility 5-6

Gold= Brandes Conway

2-Min. Run 4&under

Gold=James Arch

2-Min. Run 5-6

Gold= Brandes Conway

Thursday, July 15

ARCHERY

11&under

Gold= Nataya Huskey

Silver= Connor McCoy

14-15

Gold= Cade Huskey

Overall

Gold= Nataya Huskey

Silver= Cade Huskey

Bronze= Connor McCoy

HULA HOOP

7&Under

Gold= Sweat Pea Wolfe

Silver= Jensen Thompson

Bronze= Chloe Brown

8-12

Gold= Hayley Garland

Silver= Sierra Wachacha

Bronze= Deliah Esquivel

4th= Timiyah Brown

5th= Ireland Sanders

6th= Riley Crowe

Best Trick 7&under

Gold= Jensen Thompson



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Sweat Pea Wolfe dazzled the crowd with her stamina as she won the Gold Medal in the 7&under Hula Hoop contest at the Cherokee Youth Olympics on Thursday, July 15.

CHEROKEE MARBLES

Gold= Zane Wachacha, Cruz

Alaviz, Jester Welch

Silver= Mayce Welch, Deija

Burgess, Hye Long, Jordan

Thompson

Bronze= Weston Smoker,

Melissa Seay, Connor McCoy,

Ian Crowe

4th= Timiyah Brown, Riley

Crowe, Blake Wachacha

5th= Tank Rattler, Dustin

Smoker, Corbin Nunez, Leo

Pete

HORSESHOES

9-12

Gold= Sierra Wachacha

Silver= Timiyah Brown

Bronze= Riley Crowe

11-12

Gold= Blake Wachacha

13-15

Gold= Zane Wachacha

Silver= Leo Pete

Bronze= Hye Long

4th= Deija Burgess

5th= Charlotte Welch

6th= Jester Welch

JUMP ROPE

7&under

Gold= Jensen Thompson

Silver= Judaiah Littlejohn

Bronze= Priest Littlejohn

4th= Chloe Bateman

5th= Dali Crowe

8-12

Gold= Deliah Esquivel

Silver= Sierra Wachacha

Bronze= Corbin Nunez

4th= Dakota Lewis

5th= Dustin Smoker

6th= Sierra Wachacha

Punt 11-12

Gold= Nathaniel Bible

Silver= Blake Wachacha

Punt 13-15

Gold= Zane Wachacha

Silver= Taylor Davis

Bronze= Cruz Galaviz

4th= Matthew Lee

5th= Anthony Lee

6th= Sam Arneach

Throw 5-6

Gold= Toby McCoy

Silver= Jayce Daniels

Bronze= Elijah Watty

4th= Priest Littlejohn

5th= Xander Wachacha

Throw 7-8

Gold= Wade Hamilton

Silver= Jobie Garland

Bronze= Dalton Capps

4th= Judaiah Littlejohn n

Throw 9-10

Gold= Adam Saine

Silver= Shane Swimmer

Bronze= Corbin Nunez

4th= Dakota Lewis

5th= Dustin Smoker

6th= Jake Crowe

Throw 11-12

Gold= Nathaniel Bible

Silver= Blake Wachacha

Kick 5-6

Gold= Jayce Daniels

Silver= Elijah Watty

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Kick 11-12

Gold= Nathaniel Bible

Silver= Blake Wachacha

Kick 13-15

Gold= Jester Welch

ARTS & CRAFTS

Pottery 7-8

Gold= Connor McCoy

Silver= Samantha Cole

Drawing 7-8

Gold= Samantha Cole

Drawing 13-15

Gold= Emelye Sneed

Beadwork 7-8

Gold= Connor McCoy

Friday, July 16

GIRLS SWIMMING

25yd Freestyle Swim 6&under

Gold= Dali Crowe

25yd Freestyle 7-8

Gold= Kevonna Tushka

Silver= Willa Bible

Bronze= Samantha Cole

4th= Kaneetha Bradley

25yd Freestyle 9-10

Gold= Alannah Tushka

Silver= Riley Crowe

25yd Freestyle 11-12

Gold= Blake Wachacha

50yrd Freestyle 6&under

Gold= Dali Crowe

50yd Freestyle 9-7

Gold= Willa Bible

Silver= Kaneetha Bradley

50yd Freestyle 9-10

Gold= Alannah Tushka

Silver= Riley Crowe

50yd Freestyle 11-12

Gold= Blake Wachacha

100yd Freestyle 6&under

Gold= Dali Crowe

100yd Freestyle 7-8

Gold= Willa Bible

100yd Freestyle 9-10

Gold= Riley Crowe

100yd Freestyle 11-12

Gold= Blake Wachacha

BOYS SWIMMING

25yd Freestyle 6&under

Gold= Brandes Conway

Silver= Walker Clapsaddle

Bronze= Priest Littlejohn

25yd Freestyle 7-8

Gold= Jordan Arkansas

Silver= Ian Crowe

Bronze= Judaiah Littlejohn

4th= Braden Taylor

25yd Freestyle 9-10

Gold= Nolan Arkansas

50yd Freestyle 6&under

Gold= Brandes Conway

Silver= Walker Clapsaddle

50yd Freestyle 7-8

Gold= Jordan Arkansas

Silver= Siah Holiday

Bronze= Ian Crowe

4th= Braden Taylor

50yd Freestyle 9-10

Gold= Nolan Arkansas

100yd Freestyle 7-8

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Bronze= Ian Crowe

4th= Braden Taylor

It's Summer... There May Be Mold

SUBMITTED By KATHY DUGAN

Although mold can be a problem all year long, it seems to be more prevalent during our warmer summer months.

Ten Things You Should Know About Mold

1. Potential health effects and symptoms associated with mold exposures include allergic reactions, asthma, and other respiratory complaints.

2. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

3. If mold is a problem in your home, you must clean up the mold and eliminate sources of moisture.

4. Fix the source of the water problem or leak to prevent mold growth.

5. Reduce indoor humidity (to 30-60%) to decrease mold growth by: venting bathrooms, dryers, and other moisture-generating sources to the outside; using air conditioners and de-humidifiers; increasing ventilation; and using exhaust fans whenever cooking, dishwashing, and cleaning.

6. Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24 - 48 hours to prevent mold growth.

7. Clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent, rinse and dry completely. Absorbent materials such as ceiling tiles, that are moldy, may need to be replaced.

8. Prevent condensation: Reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces (i.e., windows, piping, exterior walls, roof, or floors) by adding insulation.

9. In areas where there is a perpetual moisture problem, do not install carpeting (i.e., bathrooms and kitchens, or on concrete floors with leaks or frequent condensation).

10. Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any substance, providing moisture is present. There are molds that can grow on wood, paper, carpet, and foods

July Extension Office Dates

July 28 - 30 - Do Yi Outdoor Learning Institute Kituwah Academy Sarah McClellan Welch

July 29 - Food Preservation for Youth 1-5pm at the Tribal Canner Trish Calhoun
Cherokee Extension Office 828-554-6939

Kathy is the director of the Cherokee Cooperative Extension Office.



Photo courtesy of Sherri Booth

Vacation Bible School

Cherokee Baptist Church held a Vacation Bible School last week. Shown above are some of the children sitting by the campfire at Saddle Ridge Ranch learning about Jesus.

Learn about the Biology of Mountain Streams or...Stream Biology Adventure

Come join the Stream Biology Adventure on the Oconaluftee River. Spend four hours learning -- hands-on -- about life in the river. Learn how environmental scientists classify rivers as clean or polluted by collecting aquatic bugs and fish. Learn how you can help to improve water quality of creeks and rivers in our region.

On Saturday morning, July 31, tribal resource specialists will discuss water quality and provide an opportunity to catch aquatic bugs. Technically, these creatures are called macroinvertebrates, but you can call them bugs. Next, fish experts will capture a sampling of fish by electroshock. The fish are not harmed and are later returned to the river. Come see what we can collect, and learn what it means.

This is an invitation for children, their parents, and other adults who are interested in our natural resources. The workshop is intended for young and old, Cherokee and non-Cherokee. It will be facilitated by the tribal Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management, and the Office of Natural Resources and Environment, and the Watershed Association of the Tuckasegee River. (WATR's) involvement is sponsored by the CPFdn.). Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Plan on getting wet. Wear a bathing suit or cut offs and river shoes or old sneakers. No flip flops. The climb down to the river is mildly strenuous.

The Stream Biology Adventure will be held Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 to about 2 PM. We will meet at the pavilion located on Rt 441 near the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Going toward the park, the pavilion is on the right and just before the intersection with the Boundary Tree Road and before the Kituwah Language School, which is on the left.

All participants must sign releases. Children from 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult. Teens from 13 - 17 must have pre-signed releases or come with an adult. This is a great time for kids to join with mom and dad in an outdoor adventure. Please call the WATR office (828 488 8418 or info@watnc.org) to reserve a place or to obtain a release form.

WATR group participates in fish sampling similar to activities at the Stream Biology Adventure

- Source: Roger Clapp Watershed Association of the Tuckasegee River

Sasha McCoy-Watty Joins CPF



Cherokee Preservation Foundation announced this week that Sasha Watty has joined the Foundation as a Foundation Fellow, working with the Foundation's Programming staff.

Watty is a 2010 graduate of Mars Hill College and a 2006 graduate of Cherokee High School. She is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Previously, she was employed at the Cherokee Life Recreation Center and CBC Printing. She resides in Birdtown with her husband Stephan and daughter Suri, and is active in community events.

- Source: Nancy J. Foltz,
Cherokee Preservation Foundation

SERVICES

Gateway Pet Center- Now Professional Grooming, for appointment call 497-7387 or 497-2719 **7/22pd.**

Mowing and lawn service – Monday – Saturday Call Kyle Carter 828-788-1402 **7/22pd.**

Dump Truck Services – Do you need debris, brush, or junk removed? Give us a call, also haul gravel and mulch. If you think we might be able to help you, give us a call for a free estimate Maney's Clean Up Crew 828-736-8942 **8/5pd.**

FOR SALE

For Sale – Blueberries, UPick, \$1.50/lb. Whittier, cross river and railroad tracks, turn left and follow signs 828-497-6505 or 497-7253 after 5pm, berries will be available until late September. **8/12pd.**

For Sale – used once Space Saver portable washing machine cost \$500 will sell for \$250.00 call 497-2479 or 736-9317 for directions. **7/29pd**

Garage Sale – 50 Bryson St Bryson City 500 ft. past Joe's Laundry mat, Thur – Sat 8:30am – 3pm don't miss the sale, Chainsaws & weed eaters \$50 & up, Riding mowers \$225 & up, push & self propelled mowers \$40 & up, tools, pans, knives & many more items. **7/29pd.**

For Sale – 2005 Saturn Vue, SUV, silver, 5 spd., 30mpg, never been in accident, one owner asking \$4,900.00 call Gary 828-788-4026. **7/22pd.**

Tired of the Run Around?

Singlewides - 2br or 3br
\$26,200 (Delivered & Set)

New Doublewide - 3br/ 2ba
Just Reduced \$37,900

Manager's Special
\$68,500 Custom home

Special Programs
for Tribal Members

New Generation Homes, LLC
1174 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley
926-1903 UFN

FOR RENT

For Rent - One bedroom king size bed, microwave, gas stove, TV/DVD/VCR, hot water heater and refrigerator are gas or electric, AC and Fireplace. Great for couples or single person, no small children, no pets, no smokers, no drunks or drugs. Everything is furnished, all you need is your clothes and groceries. Rent is \$375 per month, DirecTV, water and sewer included in rent \$700 deposit, call 808-507-6057 no calls after 10pm **7/29 pd**

For Rent – 3 bedroom 2 bath mobile, quiet park in Ela, no pets References and Background check required \$450 month \$300 deposit call 488-8752 **8/26pd**

WANTED

Needed – The Morgan Committee is looking for: Storyteller, flute player, Native American face painter and hypnotist. For September 4- 7 call Ms. Welch 336-617-7207 **7/22pd**

MISSING

Missing Dog

Name Maggie, Yorkshire Terrier black and gold female, went missing on bertha Saunooke Rd off Hwy 19, she may be shy or scared if found, but is real friendly please call 828-788-5336.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA
CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT
FILE NO. CV-10-007
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE,
INC.,
Plaintiff
vs.
STEVEN B. ROSS
and
MARCELINA LONG, GUARDIAN OF STEVEN
B. ROSS
Defendant

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Money owed, attorney's fees, possession of a 2004 Clayton Spirit manufactured home bearing serial no. CWP013970TN together with heat pump, washer, dryer, dishwasher, microwave, range, refrigerator and furnace, and court costs.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the first date of the publication of this notice yielding a deadline of August 31, 2010 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Dated: July 15, 2010

Jay B. Green, Attorney for Plaintiff
908 E. Edenton Street,
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Telephone: 919-829 - 0797 8/5

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



For Deadlines and applications please call 497-8131. Indian Preference does apply A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

Positions Open

Closing August 6, 2010 @ 4 pm

1. Utility Worker- Tribal Construction (\$18,140-\$22,680)
2. Treasurer- Budget & Finance (\$56,460-\$71,990)
3. File Clerk- Legal (\$22,000-\$27,500)
4. Grants Coordinator- Planning & Development (\$42,300-\$53,930)
5. Driver- Transit (2 Positions) (\$19,980-\$24,980)
6. Sexual Assault Victim Advocate- DV (\$23,740-\$30,280)
7. DV Victim Advocate- DV (\$23,740-\$30,280)
8. DV/SA Intake Technician (\$18,140-\$22,680)
9. Maintenance Mechanic/HVAC Technician (\$31,700-\$40,420)

Closing July 30, 2010 @ 4 pm

1. Substitute Dispatcher- Transit (\$19,980-\$24,980)

Open Until Filled

1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care

Health & Medical Positions

1. C.N.A. – Tsali Care Center
2. Master's Level Therapist- Analenisgi
3. RN/PRN- Qualla Youth Health Ctr
4. LPN- Tsali Care Center
5. Cook Aide- Tsali Care Center
6. Behavior Change Specialist- REACH
7. Administrative Assistant- Home Health
8. CHR- CHR

Save the Date

Cherokee Tribal EMS - 30th Anniversary
Friday, August 27th, 2010 10:00am and 2:00pm

Open House at the EMS base on Acquoni Road.
Keep checking back in the
One Feather for more information as the date gets closer.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

One Feather deadline

Tuesday at 12noon

EMPLOYMENT**Cherokee Boys Club General Manager**

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507,
Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)
Department: Administration
Opening Date: July 1, 2010
Closing Date: July 30, 2010

REQUIREMENTS:**Required:**

Education: BS or BA required
Experience: 10 years of upper management experience in a Tribal or large corporate environment.

Desired:

Education: Masters Degree
Experience: 10 years as a General Manager or CEO of mid-sized organization

A job description and application can be picked up from the Club's Human Resources Coordinator, Tiffani Reed, at the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Resumes will be accepted by Tiffani Reed during the same days and hours listed above. For more information call 828-497-9101.

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. 7/29

Now Hiring – Evening waitress, 3pm till closing apply at Soco Diner. 7/29pd

Now Hiring – Bearmeat's Indian Den is hiring for Full time Maintainance job for interested workers, come to Bearmeat's Indian Den to complete an application. 497-4052 7/29pd.

RFPs, BIDS, Etc.**RFP**

This RFP is for two single family residences located at The Heritage in Cherokee, NC. Anyone interested in furnishing labor and/or material for any phase of these projects should contact Mountain Stream Builders, Inc. at 706-255-6163 or 828-507-2163 for plans and specifications. Bids will be accepted from July 20, 2010 through August 3, 2010. All interested parties are required to furnish a certificate of workmen's compensation and general liability upon receiving plans and specifications for the bidding process. 7/29

Request for Proposals**Scope of Proposal**

Cherokee Travel & Tourism Requests for Proposals, to identify qualified professional service providers in the areas listed below. Travel & Tourism will accept any proposals submitted by qualified individuals or firms, whom can adequately perform any or all of the services represented.

EXHIBIT HALL PREPARATION/CONSTRUCTION: Use available pre-constructed shelving and display materials, purchase materials if necessary, to construct shelving, displays, stage setting backdrop & runway in the Exhibit Hall and Amphitheatre of the Fairgrounds, for the Cherokee Indian Fair according to Travel & Tourism's requested layout/design.

SOUND & LIGHT PRODUCTION – CHEROKEE INDIAN FAIR: Provide quality professional Event Sound & Light Productions for all types of Entertainment and/or Productions during the Cherokee Indian Fair. Stage based setups at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds but with the ability to have smaller mobile setups at other locations if needed.

Deadline for Proposal Submissions will be AUGUST 6, 2010 @ 3:30pm EST, TERO SUITE, GLW COMPLEX, ACQUONI RD.

For a full Request of Proposal please contact: Heather J. Byfield, Cherokee Travel & Tourism, 828-497-8125 or Suite 500 of Ginger Lynn Welch Complex office 505. 8/5

NOTICE**Public Hearing Notice**

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than August 1st, by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The public hearing will be held on August 5th at time specified on the agenda, at the Tribal Council meeting in the Council Chambers located at 88 Council House Loop, Cherokee NC. The EBCI Transit program will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kathi Littlejohn (Transit Manager) at 497-7494 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) program provides operating assistance for the transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program is intended to provide operating assistance for the transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) program funds are intended to provide operating assistance for the transportation of individuals who do not have human service agency assistance to pay for their transportation and live in non-urbanized areas.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 01, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The FY 2011 ROAP individual program totals are:

Program	Total
RGP	\$28,967

This application may be inspected at the Transit Office located at 117 John Crowe Hill Drive, between 7:45-4:30 Monday through Friday from August 16 to August 27, 2010. Written comments should be directed to: Kathi Littlejohn, PO Box 2289 Cherokee, NC 28719 7/29

El Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Esto debe darle al público cuenta de la oportunidad para asistir a una audiencia pública en el Rural propuesto Manejando aplicación de Programa de Asistencia para ser enviado a la Carolina del Norte Department de Transporte no más tarde que el 13 de agosto de 2010 por el condado de (ROAP). La audiencia pública será sujeta el 5th de agosto de 2010 a las time specified on agenda en la reunión de Tribal Council en la Grande Sala de Tribunal en el Edificio de Tribunales localizado en 88 Council House Loop Cherokee, Carolina del Norte. proveerá servicios y ayudas auxiliares debajo de la ADA para minusválidos que tienen el deseo de participar de la audición. Alguien servicios discrecionales requeridores le debería contactar al Manager Kathi Littlejohn, de Transporte por el 29 de julio a fin de que las disposiciones pueden ser hechas.

Los programas incluidos en el Rural Manejando Asistencia Programan aplicación es:

1. Los fondos Públicos Generales rurales (RGP) de Programa están dirigidos a proveerle el servicio de transporte a los individuos que no son clientes humanos de la agencia de servicio y viven en áreas poco urbanizadas.

El período de función para Rural Accionando fondos de Programa de Asistencia es el 1 de julio de 2010 a través del 30 de junio de 2011. Los totales de programa del individuo FY2011 ROAP son:

<u>PROGRAMA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EDTAP	\$0
EMPL	\$0
RGP	\$28,967
TOTAL	\$28,967

Esta aplicación puede ser inspeccionada en la oficina de Cherokee Transportation localizada en 117 John Crowe Hill Drive Cherokee, Carolina del Norte de 8:00 SON para la modulación de fase del 4:00 el lunes a través de viernes. Los comentarios escritos deberían ser dirigidos a Manager Kathi Littlejohn, de Transporte en la anteriormente citada dirección, antes del 30 de julio de 2010.

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GENERAL EVENTS

Veterans Ceremony Planning Meeting. July 22 at 11:30am at the Steven Youngdeer American Legion Post on Acquoni Road. If you or your organization are planning to have a Veterans Ceremony, and would like to have assistance in your programming, please attend this meeting. All community members are encouraged to attend. Info: Warren Dupree (828) 508-2657.

Big Cove Wii Tournament. July 23 at 6pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. "Sports" and "Dance USA" will be played. Age groups include: 5-8, 9-12, 13-up. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded and snacks will be provided. Info: Mariah Mahan 788-8134 or Lori Blankenship 497-9791 or 736-6015

Armachain Reunion. July 24 at 1pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. All family and friends of Louise and Dora Armachain are invited. Pot luck, so bring plenty of food. Bring old photos and come prepared to have your picture taken! Info: Bambi Sneed 497-9163 or Norma Craig 497-9163

Children's Trout Derby Volunteer Luncheon. July 29 from 11am - 2pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 554-6854 or yolasau@nc-choerokee.com.

Annual Locust Family Reunion. July 31 at 12noon at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Families of Noah, Anne and Pearl Locust are invited. Bring your favorite covered dish. Info: 1 Edna 497-7353 or (828) 736-5487.

Ledford-Greybeard Family Reunion . July 31 from 12-4pm. The location will be announced at a later date. Potluck, bring your favorite food. Plates and utensils will be furnished. Info: Jan 497-2037 or Jearn 497-0657.

Big Cove Day School Reunion . Aug. 5 at 6pm at the Old School House. Pastor Winston Hatcliff, son of Principal Ralph Hatcliff, will have photograph collection on display in a slideshow. Big Cove Community Club and the Church of the Nazarene will host the reunion potluck dinner. Meat and drinks provided. Bring a covered dish and any photos or momentos to share.

1760 Cherokee Victory at Fort Loudoun Day. Aug. 6-8. Activities will commence early on Saturday morning and conclude that evening as the events that led up to eventual surrender of Fort Loudoun are recreated. Guests: Dr. Barbara Duncan, Dr. Duane King, Dr. Tom Hatley, Dr. Stephen Brumwell. Info: (423) 884-6217 or www.fort-loudoun.com.

28th Annual Cherokee Days of Recognition. Aug. 7-8 at Red Clay State Park. Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 11am – 6pm. Alva Crowe, Traditional Dance, Michael Jacobs Flutist, Cherokee Fancy Dancers, Cherokee Traditional Dancers, Cherokee Storytelling, Living History, Authentic Arts & Crafts, Food, Blowgun Tournament. Info: (423) 478-0339.

NAIWA 3rd Annual Blueberry Festival. Aug. 21 from 8am – 1pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Enjoy good food, blueberry pancakes, baked goods, storytelling, games, music, and more. Info: Bessie Wallace 497-2389 or Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717

Birdtown Community Events. The Walking Club started July 13 and continues until Oct.31. It meets every Monday at Community Club at 7pm. Cookout. Aug. 14, Pie baking contest (made from scratch), Birdtown Community will furnish meat, bread and drinks, bring a dish with you. Council House workshop. July 27 at 9am. Community meeting. Aug.10 at 6pm.

Dora Reed Tribal Child Care is now taking applications for the school 2010 – 2011.

BENEFITS & FUNDRAISERS

Benefit 50/50 .The family and friends of Barry Saunooke, of the Snowbird Community, are selling tickets for a chance for 50/50 to help with the purchase of a motorized scooter. Barry and his wife Andrea have saved \$900 of the \$1,200+ dollars needed to purchase a scooter. Info: Jody Taylor at (c) 736-7510 or Andrea Saunooke (h) (828) 479-3388 or cell 735-3290.

CHURCH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School. July 25-30 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Dinner will be served at 5pm each evening and school will start at 5:30pm. The theme this year is "King of My Heart – Who's on the Throne?" Info: Pastor Kilgore 497-7106 or 788-0643.

Vacation Bible School. July 31 from 9am – 3pm at Antioch Baptist Church on Coopers Creek Road. Cookout and closing ceremony to follow. Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, and snacks. Everyone is welcome. Theme: Sea Quest, Diving for God's Treasure, lessons based on the KJV Bible.

The Master's Touch. July 21 at the Cherokee Methodist Church at 6pm July 24 Straight Fork Baptist Church 7pm Saturday night singing and **July 25** at the Yellowhill Baptist Church at 11am and 6pm. Info: Sandy Cucumber 508-6627

Tent Revival. July 27-31 at 7pm nightly at the Rodney Orr Bypass, Hwy 129 in Robbinsville (across from carwash). Anointed preaching, gospel singing King James Version Prayer for the sick , Deliverance for the Captive, Brother Herchel Earwood.

HEALTH & SPORTS

CHS Booster Club Meeting. July 29 from 5-6:30pm at the CHS Football Field. Agenda to include: Updates from all coordinators, parking, concessions, store sales, and banner/program sales.

1st Annual Meet the Braves Cookout. July 30 at 6:30pm in the parking lot adjacent to the Braves Fieldhouse. All community members are invited to meet the players and coaches and enjoy a free meal.

3rd Annual Trooper Shawn Blanton Scholarship Golf Tournament. Aug. 6 at the Smoky Mountain Country Club. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund (www.troopershawnblantonscholarship.com). 4-man captains choice. Info: Tony Belcher (828) 356-6710 or (828) 226-0984



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Special Guest to appear at Reunion

Winston Hatcliff (left), the son of the former Principal Ralph Hatcliff, is set to appear at the reunion of the old Big Cove School scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6pm at the old school building. Ralph Hatcliff and his wife not only taught the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, but also taught their students life skills. Many former students recall stories of Mr. Hatcliff's strong sense of character and integrity. Winston Hatcliff will be joined by his wife, their grown children and spouses and grandchildren. He is bringing old pictures to share as part of a powerpoint presentation. Also accompanying him are members of his church to help complete the mission projects on the old school building and in the community, as part of the Church of the Nazarene's work and Witness program. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish and stories to share. Winston will be preaching Sunday, Aug. 1 at 6pm.

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By HARTWELL FRANCIS & TOM BELT
WCU CHEROKEE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Ⴄ-line is the 12th line of the syllabary in Worcester's 1828 alphabetic organization of the syllabary. Most of the Ⴄ-line syllables occur as the first syllable in nouns, and nouns are the easiest examples from which to remember and learn the syllabary. But in order to find all the Ⴄ-line syllables as the first syllable of the word, we will have to look at the structure of the language.

Ⴄ Ⴁ Ⴃ Ⴄ Ⴅ Ⴆ

We find Ⴄ, Ⴁ, Ⴃ, and Ⴄ as the first syllable of a noun. The syllable Ⴄ is particularly common as the first syllable in nouns. For animals we find the onomatopoeic ႤႦ 'screech owl'. We also find ႤႦႦ 'frog, toad'. ႤႦႦ is becoming the word for frog of any type, and then we specify ႣႦႦ, ႦႦႦ, ႦႦႦ, and ႦႦႦ, other types of frogs. We find insect names that begin with Ⴄ. ႤႦႦ is both 'bee' and 'honey'. ႤႦႦ 'dragonfly' also has the more poetic name ႤႦႦ ႦႦႦ 'snake feeder'. Cherokee rarely borrows words, but we see ႤႦ 'cow' borrowed from Spanish (a long time ago) and ႤႦ 'wrist watch' borrowed from English. The other Ⴄ-line syllables are not as common in initial position in nouns, but we find ႡႦ 'cat' for Ⴁ, the borrowed ႣႦႦ 'whiskey' for Ⴃ, and ႤႦ 'pigeon' for Ⴄ.

Because of the structure of the Cherokee language, Ⴄ-line

syllables will often occur in first position in verbs. In these cases, the Ⴄ-line syllables at the start of the verb indicate that the direction of movement or the location of action is 'away'. Thus, ႦႦ 'You come here.' contrasts with ႡႦ 'You go away.' We can briefly consider the verb for throwing something. If we tell you to throw something away, we say ႣႦႦ 'Throw it away.' The Ⴃ- indicates 'away', the Ⴆ- indicates 'you', and the -ႦႦ is the 'throw' verb stem used for giving commands. Later, we report the event, and we say ႦႦႦ 'She threw it away.' The Ⴆ- indicates 'away' and 'she' or 'he' and -ႦႦ is the 'throw' verb stem for a past time completed action.

For the Ⴆ syllable, we have to look inside the verb. Recall from our Ⴆ-line essay that ႦႦႦႦ means 'He is frying it.' The Ⴆ syllable indicates a third person singular 'he' or 'she'. Compare the second person singular form ႦႦႦႦ 'You are frying it', with Ⴆ 'you'. These sentences are in the present, and the time reference of the verb requires these pronouns. If we restate these sentences in the completed past, different pronouns are required. For 'You fried it' we find ႦႦႦႦ. And for 'He fried it' we have ႦႦႦႦ, which shows the syllable Ⴆ as the second syllable.

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ႤႦႦ	wahuhu	screech owl
ႤႦႦ	walosi	toad, frog
ႣႦႦ	kanuna	bull frog
ႦႦႦ	dusdu	knee deep frog
ႦႦႦ	gwahlga	mud frog
ႦႦႦ	tehga	slim frog
ႤႦႦႦ	wadulisi	bee, honey
ႤႦႦႦ	wadaduga	dragonfly
ႤႦႦ ႦႦႦႦ	inada gehlsgi	snake feeder
ႤႦ	wahga	cow
ႤႦ	watsi	wrist watch
ႤႦႦ, ႤႦႦႦ	walela, walelu	hummingbird
ႤႦႦ	wasdi	ramps
ႡႦႦ	wesa	cat
ႣႦႦႦ	wihsgi	whiskey
ႤႦႦ	woye	pigeon
ႦႦ	kena	You come here.
ႡႦႦ	hwena	You go away.
ႣႦႦႦ	witsaduga	Throw it away.
ႦႦႦႦ	wudesv'i	She threw it away.
ႦႦႦႦႦ	gvtsahlvsga	He is frying it.
ႦႦႦႦႦ	hvttsahlvsga	You are frying it.
ႦႦႦႦႦ	tsvtsahlv'nv'i	You fried it.
ႦႦႦႦႦ	uwvtsahlv'nv'i	He fried it.

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Match Word

Draw a line from the Cherokee name to the correct color

TSULSUWIDA	GRAY
GIGAGE'I	BLACK
ADALONIGE'I	DARK
DALONIGE'I	PURPLE
ITSEHI	BROWN
SAKONIGE'I	WHITE
UWETIGE'I	PINK
UWODIGHE'I	ORANGE
GVHIGE'I	LIGHT
UNEGA	RED
GIGAGE'I USGOLA	COLORS
GVNIGE'I USGOLA	GREEN
USGOLA	YELLOW
USGOSDI	BLUE
DEHALUYI	PURPLE

Match Word

Draw a line from the Cherokee name to the correct color

TSULSUWIDA	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
GIGAGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
ADALONIGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
DALONIGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
ITSEHI	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
SAKONIGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
UWETIGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
UWODIGHE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
GVHIGE'I	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
UNEGA	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
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USGOLA	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
USGOSDI	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
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Miss Cherokee Report

July 11-17 I attended the Choctaw Indian Fair in Mississippi. I had the honor to help judge the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant. The talent portion was held Monday evening in the convention center at Silver Star Casino and the interviews and banquet took place on Tuesday. This year was the first year the scores were all kept on computer, this really saved a lot of time and any discrepancies. On Wednesday night Miss Mahli Rene Vaughn was crowned the new Choctaw Indian Princess. Each evening the Princess were introduced during Miko's Hour, which was aired on local TV. Friday I was able to meet Shane Yellowbird after his performance and Tracy Lawrence also performed. Saturday evening I watched Sara Evans perform and also got to meet her back stage after her performance. On Thursday all visiting royalty were given a tour of Neshoba County, to visit some of the historical sites.

I would like to thank Mike Beasley Denson, Mary Harrison, Bernadine Hickman and the rest of the Pageant Committee and the MBCI for the excellent hospitality that was given to all the visiting royalty and also thank you everyone for the prayers for a safe trip.

Yakoki or Sgi

Thank you
 Rachel Hicks



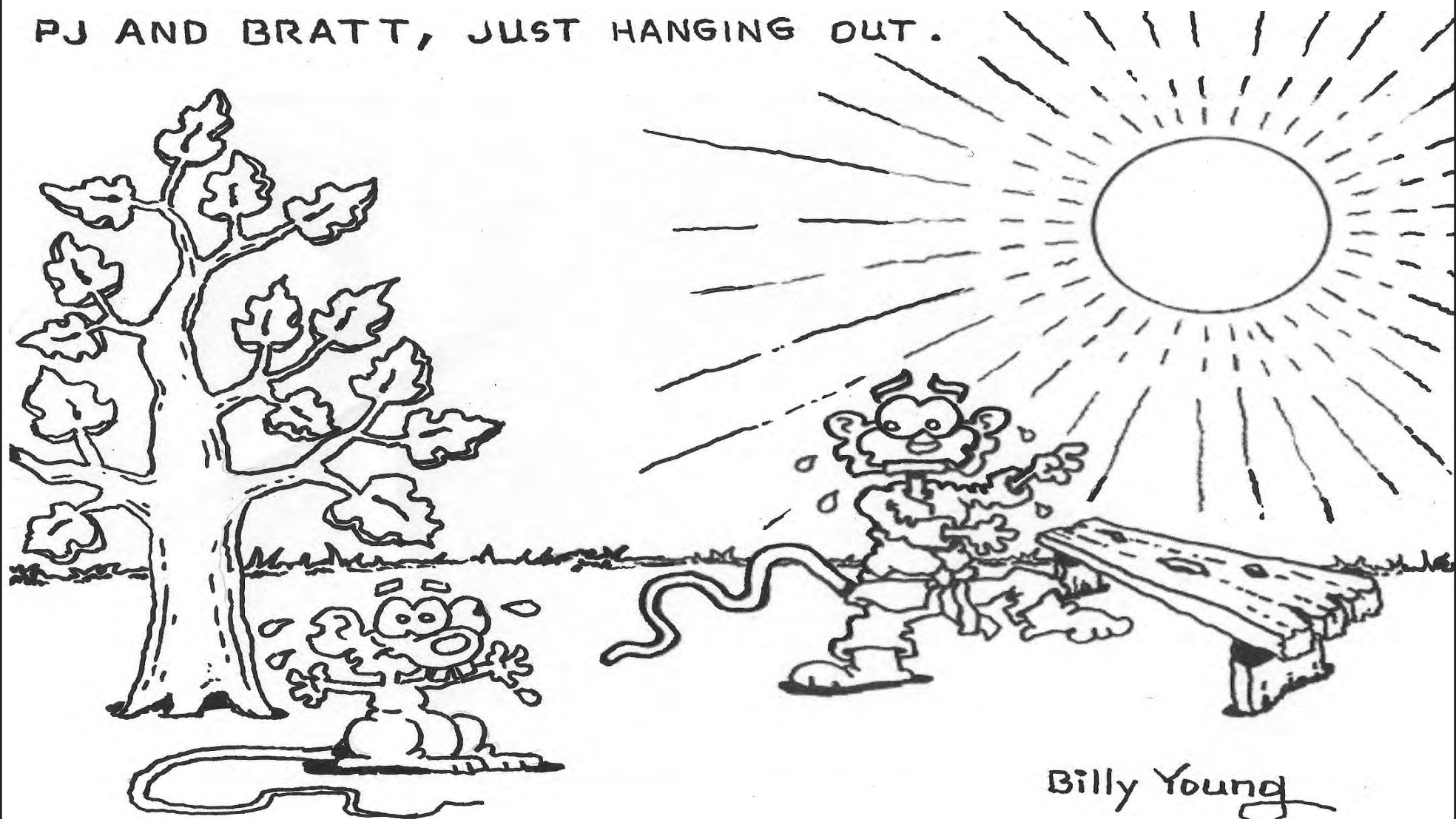
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Country Music Star Sara Evans and Miss Cherokee Rachel Hicks



Shown (left-right) Miss Cherokee Rachel Hicks, 2010 Miss Choctaw Indian Princess - Mahli, 2009 Poarch Creek Senior Princess - Cortney, and 2009 Poarch Creek Junior Princess - Bria

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FOR BIG COVE SCHOOL BOARD

Shi-yo. My name is Lori Blankenship and I am a candidate for School Board from the Big Cove Community. Like many of you I look in awe at my children; how much they know, their willingness and eagerness to learn, and the connection to their history and culture as Cherokee people. I am constantly thinking about their future; the people they will become, what they will do to give back to their community and tribe, but most importantly I think about what I can do to help them in their journey.

Every Cherokee child has a unique gift, ability or skill that they can use to help their people. The question is... "are we giving them the tools they need to be successful?" I am reaching out to you as fellow parents, community members, and concerned citizens and ask you to consider whether we are doing all that we can to ensure the success of our youngest and most impressionable members.

My commitment to you as your School Board Representative is multi-faceted: You and your children deserve a representative to whom you have access in-person, by email, and by phone. You and your children deserve a representative whose focus is always on our children and working through the issues most pertinent to their success. You and your children deserve a representative who does not accept mediocrity or "that's good enough" but strives for the best and greatest opportunities for success.

Our children are our most valuable asset and they deserve the very best education and opportunities possible.

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Birth Annoucements

DE LOS REYES

Zoe Ines Renee De Los Reyes born July 14 to Jay and Salaga De Los Reyes of Cherokee in Swain County, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

POWERS

Briley Amanda Powers born July 17 to Brianna Powers of Cherokee in Swain County, weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

HINNANT

Phoenix Alexander Welch Hinnant born July 16 to David and Satin Hinnant of Cherokee in Swain County, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Happy 9th Birthday



Elise
 I love you
 Great Auntie Lil



Happy 9th Birthday
 Elise
 Love
 Daddy



Happy 9th Birthday

To our big sissy
 Elise

All our love
 Your Sisters



Happy 9th Birthday Elise Cooper
 July 23

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